# Statewide Supplemental Benefit Program Frequently Asked Questions Listed by Vendor

## <u>Auto/Home Insurance – Liberty Mutual- Frequently Asked Questions</u>

#### Q. Who is eligible to enroll?

## **A. State of Delaware Employee**: You are eligible if you are:

- a) A permanent full-time employee (regularly scheduled 30 or more hours per week or 130 or more hours per month)
- b) An elected or appointed official (as defined by St of DE).
- A permanent part-time employee (regularly scheduled to work less than 130 hours per month)
- d) A limited term employee (as defined by St of DE)

**Pensioner/Retiree:** You are eligible if you are a pensioner receiving a pension check from the State with the exception of the following pension plans:

- County/Municipal Police Pension Plan
- County/Municipal General Employee Pension Plan
- Diamond State Port Pension Plan
- Delaware Volunteer Firemen Pension Plan

Spouses and resident children of the above eligible employees and pensioners are also eligible to enroll.

#### Q. How to enroll?

**A.** Enrollment open yearlong. Active employees/pensioners can enroll over the phone at 1-800 730-6901 or in person at any Liberty Mutual office location. If you are already enrolled in this plan, your enrollment will continue unless you take action to terminate your enrollment.

#### Q. What happens if my employment is terminated?

**A.** If your employment is terminated with the State of Delaware, Liberty Mutual will put you on a direct bill payment option and you will receive the discount until your renewal date. At your renewal date you will lose the discount but have the option to continue your coverage through Liberty Mutual.

## Q. What happens if I retire?

**A.** When you retire you will still be eligible for this benefit. Please contact Liberty Mutual when you retire so they may assist you in selecting the payment option that best suits your needs.

#### Q. Is this a binding election?

**A.** You can cancel your policy (ices) at any time by calling (800) 730-6901 to obtain information on how to terminate your coverage.

#### Q. Who should I call with questions, problems?

**A.** Liberty Mutual offers a variety of options for you to learn more about the program or get a quote. <u>Call</u> 1-800-730-6901 and speak with a licensed Liberty Mutual insurance professional or call 1-800-835-0894 to be connected to your local Liberty Mutual office or <u>Visit</u> <a href="http://www.libertymutual.com/lm/delaware">http://www.libertymutual.com/lm/delaware</a>

## Q. Can you tell me about this program?

A. Group Savings Plus is a voluntary auto, home and personal property insurance program now available to you as an employee or pensioner of the State of Delaware. The program is offered by Liberty Mutual and features benefits and conveniences that are not available to individual policyholders, including a special group discount.

## Q. What coverages are available through this program?

**A.** The group discount is on the auto and home (including tenant and condominium) policy. However, all lines of personal insurance are available including: Automobile, Umbrella, Homeowners, Boat, Renters, Motor home, Condominium

## Q. How do I get a quote or more information on the program?

**A.** Liberty Mutual offers a variety of options for you to learn more about the program or get a quote. <u>Call</u> 1-800-730-6901 and speak with a licensed Liberty Mutual insurance professional or call 1-800-835-0894 to be connected to your local Liberty Mutual office or <u>Visit</u> <a href="http://www.libertymutual.com/lm/delaware">http://www.libertymutual.com/lm/delaware</a>

## Q. Do I have to wait for my current policies to expire in order to join the State of Delaware program?

**A.** No. You can cancel your current policy at any time. You may need to check with your current insurance company to see if there are penalties for canceling insurance mid-term and compare that cost against the State of Delaware program rates.

## Q. If I already have Liberty Mutual auto or home coverage, can I get the State of Delaware discount?

**A.** Yes. Call 1-800-730-6901 and tell the Liberty Mutual licensed insurance professional that you are a current Liberty Mutual policyholder and that you would like to take advantage of the State of Delaware group discount. The licensed insurance professional will discuss with you how to convert your policy. You may also call the Liberty Mutual office that services your policy (ies) and they can convert your policy as well.

#### Q. Can I cancel my policy at any time?

**A.** Yes. You can cancel your policy (ies) at any time by calling 1-800-730-6901 to obtain information on how to terminate your coverage. Please make sure that you have adequate coverage to replace your existing policy (ies).

#### Q. What are my premium payment options?

**A.** State of Delaware employees can pay their premium through automatic payroll deductions, by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) from your checking account, or direct billing at home. You can get further information on your payment options from the Liberty Mutual licensed insurance professional. State of Delaware pensioners can pay their premium through pension deduction, EFT or direct billing at home.

#### O. What is the discount?

**A.** Discounts and credits are available where state laws and regulations allow and may vary by state. Please call Liberty Mutual at 1-800-730-6901 to find out what discount is offered in your state.

## Q. How do I report a claim?

**A.** Call 1-800-225-2467 (24-hour claims service) TTY users may call 1-800-243-9801

## **Long Term Care – John Hancock - Frequently Asked Questions**

### Q. Who is eligible to enroll?

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- ➤ Permanent full-time and part-time employees actively working at least 15 hours per week or more and on State of Delaware's payroll.
- > Spouses of eligible employees\*
- > Pensioners (receiving a pension check) and their spouses\*
- ➤ Surviving Spouses (receiving a pension check)\*
- > Parents and parents-in-law of eligible employees and pensioners
- ➤ Adult Children of eligible employees, pensioners and of their spouses\*
- > Spouses of eligible adult children\*
- ➤ Siblings of eligible employees, pensioners and their spouses\*
- ➤ Spouses of eligible siblings\*

All applicants must reside in the U.S. on the date of application and on the effective date of insurance.

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- County/Municipal Police Pension Plan
- County/Municipal General Employee Pension Plan
- Diamond State Port Pension Plan
- Delaware Volunteer Firemen Pension Plan

#### O. How to enroll?

**A.** If you've missed your initial enrollment period as a NewHire/Newly Eligible you can enroll at any time during the year or during the State's annual Open Enrollment period by providing proof of insurability. Coverage effective date is the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month following approval from underwriting. Questions – call (800) 432-9724.

New Hires/Newly Eligibles - 90-day eligibility period from date of hire or newly eligible with guaranteed acceptance. Employees can enroll after the initial enrollment period but will be required to submit a paper enrollment application and provide evidence of good health

<sup>\*</sup> Spouses and children must be issue age 18 or older on their effective date of coverage.

when applying. To request an enrollment kit, please call John Hancock's Customer Service at 1-800-432-9724 or visit their website, dedicated to the State of Delaware at <a href="http://delaware.jhancock.com">http://delaware.jhancock.com</a> (username: delaware; password: delaware05). Approval for coverage is subject to medical underwriting.

## Q. What are my premium payment options?

A. State of Delaware employees can pay their premium through automatic post-tax payroll deduction. State of Delaware pensioners can pay their premium through monthly pension deduction, or direct billing at home.

## Q. What happens if my employment is terminated?

**A.** If your employment is terminated with the State of Delaware for any reason, coverage is portable and can be continued on a direct billing basis.

## Q. What happens if I retire?

**A.** If you retire and are currently insured, coverage is portable and can be continued on a direct billing basis or via pension deduction. Contact John Hancock to ensure continuation of coverage.

#### Q. Is this a binding election?

**A.** If you decide to cancel coverage, you may do so at any time by contacting John Hancock Customer Service Center at the dedicated toll-free number (1-800-432-9724). The effective date of the cancellation will be the last day of the month for which premium was paid.

#### Q. Who should I call with questions, problems?

**A.** Please contact the John Hancock Customer Service Center at the dedicated toll-free number: 1-800-432-9724.

#### Q. What is long-term care?

**A.** It is the kind of care you need when you are no longer able to take care of yourself. Longterm care provides supportive services for an extended period of time in the place best suited to your needs. That's different from acute care, which is medical care provided for a short period of time to treat a certain condition or illness.

You can receive long-term care in a nursing home, in your own home, in an adult day care center, or in other types of care facilities that may be covered. Long-term care includes services such as:

- o skilled, intermediate, and custodial nursing home care,
- o therapy ordered by a physician and provided by a registered nurse or other qualified health care professional,
- o assistance with the activities of daily living, such as bathing, eating, or dressing, provided by formal or informal caregivers.

#### Q. When might I need long-term care?

**A.** You might need long-term care at any age, for a variety of reasons. Long-term care becomes necessary when you need help or supervision from another person in performing activities of daily living, such as bathing, eating or dressing that requires supervision for the protection of

yourself or others. You may require such care because of an accident or illness. Or you may need long-term care services due to the natural but often disabling process of getting older.

#### Q. What's the cost for long-term care services?

**A.** Long-term care costs for services can be very high. The national average cost of nursing home care is \$41,000 annually according to the General Accounting Office, testimony before the Special Committee on Aging, U.S. Senate, March 9, 1998. According to a 1997 study by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, home health care services range from \$10 to \$18 per hour. Thirty hours per week of home health care services could cost between \$75,000 and \$140,000 over a five-year span.

#### Q. Won't my other health care plans cover these types of expenses?

**A.** No. While health care plans cover a wide range of services, they are designed to pay for acute care expenses, not long-term care expenses. Health care plans usually stop paying for nursing home services after a short recovery period. However, your long-term care coverage will continue offering you protection for extended services should you need ongoing care.

## Q. But doesn't Medicare cover long-term care services?

**A.** No. Medicare does not cover most long-term care services. It currently pays for about nine percent of the nation's nursing home bills. Medicare does provide limited coverage for skilled nursing care, but only if the care is provided in a Medicare-approved facility. (Such approved facilities comprise less than half of all nursing homes in the country.) Custodial care is not covered at all, and home health care benefits are limited.

#### Q. Do Medicare supplement plans cover long-term care services?

**A.** No. Medicare supplement plans (also called Medigap policies) are designed to pay some or all of Medicare's deductible and co-payments. These policies follow the same coverage guidelines as Medicare and generally cover only Medicare-approved services, not long-term care services.

#### Q. To what extent does Medicaid cover long-term care services?

**A.** Medicaid — a joint federal and state assistance program — pays for a large share of the nation's nursing home expenses. However, the purpose of Medicaid is to provide assistance to persons with very low incomes, few assets, and high medical bills. To qualify for Medicaid benefits, you must meet stringent financial conditions and "spend down" your personal assets. (Qualification requirements vary by state.)

#### O. What are Care Coordination Services?

**A.** A valuable feature of the Long-Term Care Insurance Plan for State of Delaware is Care Coordination services. Care Coordinators are registered nurses, knowledgeable in the field of long-term care. They work with you and your family to find the care that is right for you and to help you use your plan benefits wisely.

As part of our Care Coordination services, your Care Coordinator will:

- o assess your long-term care needs,
- o recommend the appropriate type of facility or care provider for you, and
- o research long-term care resources for you and your family, if needed.

You are under no obligation to follow any recommendations your Care Coordinator may make. If care is required, the final decision concerning the care you receive will be made by you and your family. In some instances a local nurse or other professional (such as a physical therapist) may meet with you at your home or care facility to help evaluate your condition and care needs. Such assessments are paid for by John Hancock.

## **Group Legal Services - ARAG - Frequently Asked Questions**

#### Q. Who is eligible to enroll?

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- County/Municipal General Employee Pension Plan
- Diamond State Port Pension Plan
- Delaware Volunteer Firemen Pension Plan

#### O. How to enroll?

**A.** New Hires/Newly Eligibles - 30-day eligibility period from date of hire or newly eligible. Employees can enroll online at <a href="http://members.araggroup.com/Delaware">http://members.araggroup.com/Delaware</a> and Click on "Enroll today!" or contact ARAG at 800-247-4184. Customer Care Counselors are available Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Enrollment would be effective first of month after application is processed. After the initial enrollment period, if the employee wants to enroll in the group legal plan they will have to wait until the next annual benefits open enrollment period.

#### Q. How terminate coverage?

**A.** If you wish to terminate your coverage effective July 1, 2006, simply contact ARAG at (800) 247-4184 by May 24, 2006.

#### Q. What happens if my employment is terminated?

**A.** If your employment is terminated with the State of Delaware and you are a current ARAG legal insurance plan member, your coverage will end effective on your employment termination date. If your plan is discontinued due to termination of employment and you are in the middle of a legal situation, the plan will continue to pay for any covered legal matter that was started while you were covered by the plan.

Upon termination, you are eligible to enroll in ARAG's conversion legal insurance plan at \$19.92 per month. Please contact ARAG at 800-247-4184 to enroll in the conversion plan.

#### Q. What happens if I retire?

**A.** If you are enrolled in the ARAG legal insurance plan and retire, you may continue in your current legal insurance plan with no lapse in coverage if you are a State of Delaware pensioner receiving a pension check from the State. To avoid any lapse in coverage, please contact ARAG at 800.247.4184 to change your status from active employee to pensioner.

## Q. What happens if I experience a Qualifying Event i.e. marriage, birth or adoption of a child?

**A.** Call ARAG at 800-247-4184 about making changes and enrolling.

#### Q. Is this a binding election?

**A.** Yes, once you sign up, you may not drop coverage during the plan year.

## Q. Who should I call with questions, problems?

**A.** Please contact the ARAG's Customer Care Counselors available Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern time by calling 800-247-4184.

### Q. What kind of attorneys get involved in the plan?

**A.** Network Attorneys have an average of more than 21 years of experience practicing law and are members of small firms or sole practitioners. The legal plans administered are one way for Network Attorneys to expand their business.

## Q. How do I get a listing of Network Attorneys in my area?

**A.** You may obtain names of Network Attorneys 24-hours a day by using the <u>Attorney Finder</u> on the web site at <a href="http://members.ARAGgroup.com/Delaware">http://members.ARAGgroup.com/Delaware</a> or by contacting us at 800-247-4184 or at <a href="service@ARAGgroup.com">service@ARAGgroup.com</a>. You will have the option to have names mailed, faxed or read to you over the phone. You may also speak directly to a Customer Care Counselor during the hours of 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

#### Q. How do I get legal help over the phone?

**A.** To receive services over the phone, simply call 800-247-4184 Monday through Friday 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. Eastern time. By following the prompts, you will be connected to an attorney in your state. When the call is connected, you will be asked to provide your 12-digit Personal Identification Number (located on your identification card that you will receive upon enrollment in the plan), the name of your employer, and a brief description of your question. You will not be billed for any services and may call as many times as necessary.

#### Q. How do I use in-office legal services?

**A.** Prior to contacting an attorney, visit the web site to review your Certificate of Insurance or contact us at 800-247-4184 or <a href="mailto:service@ARAGgroup.com">service@ARAGgroup.com</a> to determine if your legal matter is a covered benefit. If so, you may elect to contact either a Network or non-Network Attorney for the legal services. When contacting a Network Attorney to schedule an appointment, provide the attorney with your 12-digit Personal Identification Number (located on your identification card that you will receive upon enrollment in the plan), the name of your employer, and a brief description of what you would like to speak with the attorney about. The Network Attorney will then submit the information and seek payment from us for their

hourly fees. You are responsible for all out-of-pocket expenses such as postage, fax or long distance charges, filing fees, title work, etc. and possibly any additional hours that aren't covered by the plan. The Network Attorney will provide you with an itemized list of the out-of-pocket expenses for which you are responsible.

#### Q. What if a Network Attorney is not located near my home?

**A.** As part of the Network Guarantee, if there are no Network Attorneys located within 30 minutes of your home, we guarantee you the opportunity to receive in-network benefits. Simply contact us at 800-247-4184 8 a.m.- 8 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday or at <a href="mailto:service@ARAGgroup.com">service@ARAGgroup.com</a> and we will arrange for you to receive covered legal services through an attorney in your area.

## Q. How can I get my personal attorney to participate as a Network Attorney?

**A.** You may request that your current attorney join our network by supplying us with the attorney's name and address. We will then contact him or her to join the network. You may submit an attorney's name by e-mailing us at <a href="mailto:service@ARAGgroup.com">service@ARAGgroup.com</a> or by speaking with a Customer Care Counselor at 800-247-4184 during the hours of 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

#### Q. Do I have to use the same attorney every time?

**A.** No. For each covered legal matter you have the opportunity to use any attorney you wish. However, if you do use the same one, your attorney will need to confirm your benefits with ARAG for each matter.

## Q. How is the attorney paid if I use a non-Network Attorney?

**A.** When using a non-Network Attorney, the attorney will bill you directly. Reimbursement for covered legal services will then be made to you according to the schedule, which is listed in your Certificate of Insurance. To receive reimbursement for attorney fees when using a non-Network Attorney, you need to obtain an itemized billing statement from your attorney, attach it to a completed claim form, and send it to: ARAG, PO Box 9171, Des Moines, IA, 50306-9171.

#### Q. How do I get additional claim forms?

**A.** You may download a form from ARAG's web site at <a href="http://members.ARAGgroup.com/Delaware">http://members.ARAGgroup.com/Delaware</a>. Claim forms may also be ordered from us 24-hours a day by calling 800-247-4184 and selecting the option to receive materials. You may also order materials by speaking directly with a Customer Care Counselor during the hours of 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

#### Q. What if I leave the plan in the middle of a legal situation?

**A.** If you discontinue the plan and are in the middle of a legal situation, the plan will continue to pay for any covered legal matter that was started while you were covered by the plan.

#### Q. Can a member of my family use the plan against me?

**A.** No. Any matter, which is against the interest of the primary member, is specifically excluded from the plan.

#### Q. Can I use the plan against my employer?

**A.** No. The plan excludes any matter involving your employer, its subsidiaries or insurance carriers

## **Vision Insurance – VSP- Frequently Asked Questions**

#### Q. Who is eligible to enroll?

#### **A. State of Delaware Employee**: You are eligible if you are:

- A permanent full-time employee (regularly scheduled 30 or more hours per week or 130 or more hours per month)
- b) An elected or appointed official (as defined by St of DE).
- c) A permanent part-time employee (regularly scheduled to work less than 130 hours per month)
- d) A limited term employee (as defined by St of DE)

**Pensioner/Retiree:** You are eligible if you are a pensioner receiving a pension check from the State with the <u>exception</u> of the following pension plans:

- County/Municipal Police Pension Plan
- County/Municipal General Employee Pension Plan
- Diamond State Port Pension Plan
- Delaware Volunteer Firemen Pension Plan

#### Q. How to enroll?

A. New Hires/Newly Eligibles - 90-day eligibility period from date of hire or newly eligible. Download an enrollment form by accessing <a href="https://www.vsp.com/go/stateofdelaware">www.vsp.com/go/stateofdelaware</a>. Simply complete the enrollment form and fax or mail it to VSP's enrollment administrator, AdminAmerica. Enrollment would be effective on the first of month after application is processed. After the initial enrollment period, if the employee wants to enroll in the vision plan they will have to wait until the next annual benefits open enrollment period. Enrollment questions – call (888) 508-8855 and press option #6 for State of Delaware employees/pensioners.

#### Q. How terminate coverage?

**A.** If you wish to terminate your coverage effective July 1, 2006, please complete the VSP cancellation form located at <a href="http://www.ben.omb.delaware.gov/programs/supplements/vision/index.shtml">http://www.ben.omb.delaware.gov/programs/supplements/vision/index.shtml</a> Mail or fax the completed form to the address/fax number listed on the form postmarked no later than May 24, 2006.

### Q. What happens if my employment is terminated?

**A.** If your employment is terminated with the State of Delaware, your coverage will end effective on your employment termination date. You will be offered the option to coverage your coverage through COBRA. An election notice will be mailed to your home address.

#### Q. What happens if I retire?

**A.** When you retire you will still be eligible for this benefit. Your coverage will continue with monthly premiums being deducted from your monthly pension check. Contact VSP to ensure continuation of your coverage.

## Q. What happens if I experience a Qualifying Event i.e. marriage, birth or adoption of a child?

**A.** The only mid-year vision elections allowed are for new hires/newly eligibles. For all other changes or to enroll you must wait until the next open enrollment period.

## Q. Is this a binding election?

A. Yes, once you sign up, you may not drop coverage during the plan year.

## Q. Who should I call with questions, problems?

**A.** If you have questions about enrolling or problems with enrolling, please call Motivano's Customer Care Team at 1-866-664-4603 to be connected to VSP's enrollment administrator, AdminAmerica or call them directly at (888) 508-8855 and press option #6 for State of Delaware employees. For questions regarding VSP benefits, contact VSP Member Services at 800-877-7195.

#### Q. When will I receive my ID card from VSP?

**A.** With VSP, there are no ID cards, claim forms or hassles! Simply make an appointment with a VSP network doctor of your choice and inform them you're a VSP member. The network doctor and VSP will take care of the rest.

## Q. Do I have to call VSP to determine my eligibility?

**A.** No. Once VSP has your eligibility, you are able to make an appointment with a VSP network doctor. The network doctor will then contact VSP to confirm your eligibility and obtain authorization for your services.

## Q. What are the age limits for unmarried dependent children participating in the vision plan?

**A.** Unmarried dependent children are eligible to participate in the vision plan through December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year in which he or she reaches age 21. If a full-time student, coverage will end on the earlier of the following: (1) the end of the month in which the dependent child is no longer a full-time student, OR (2) the end of the month in which the dependent child attains age 24.

## Q. Do I need to utilize my benefits for materials (eyeglasses or contacts) at the same time I receive my exam?

**A.** Your exam and eyewear (eyeglasses or contacts) are viewed as separate benefits and can be utilized at separate intervals.

#### Q. Can I see one doctor for my exam and order my materials through another doctor?

**A.** Yes. However, if you wish to order your materials from a VSP network doctor other than the one performing your eye exam; please check with the VSP network doctor's office to ensure that they will accept another doctor's prescription.

## Q. What are some of the cosmetic options I can expect to incur out-of-pocket expenses for through a VSP network doctor?

**A.** Examples of cosmetic options include progressive lenses, scratch coating, anti-reflective coating, ultraviolet (UV) protection, and any frame that exceeds your plan allowance. Although these cosmetic options are not covered by VSP, they are available to members at VSP's preferred member pricing (generally 20% below doctor's Usual and Customary charge) through a VSP network doctor.

## Q. What if I have an emergency, such as lost, stolen or broken eyeglasses?

**A.** If an emergency arises, call VSP's Member Services Department at 1-800-877-7195 to determine if you are currently eligible based on your past service history. If you are eligible for benefits, make an appointment with a VSP network doctor. The VSP network doctor and VSP staff will make every effort to accommodate your immediate needs.

## Q. What if I experience problems with the materials received through my VSP network doctor?

**A.** Let your VSP network doctor know, or contact VSP's Member Services Department at 1-800-877-7195. VSP is eager to make it right with a commitment is to put people first.

### Q. Are my dependents also responsible for paying plan copays?

**A.** Yes, you and your covered dependents are each responsible for paying the appropriate copay(s) at the time covered services are obtained.

#### Q. Am I eligible for contacts?

**A.** You may choose contacts instead of eyeglasses (lenses & frame). Your plan provides an allowance of \$105 for the contact lens exam (fitting & evaluation) and contact lenses. In addition, you will save 15% on the cost of your contact lens exam from a VSP network doctor.

#### O. What is the contact lens exam?

**A.** The contact lens exam is performed in addition to your routine eye exam to check for eye health risks associated with improper wearing or fitting of contact lenses. You will receive a 15% discount off the cost of your contact lens exam from a VSP network doctor.

#### Q. What benefits are available if I choose to see an out of network provider?

**A.** If you see an out of network provider, you will be reimbursed according to the State of Delaware out-of-network allowance schedule. Your reimbursement does not guarantee full payment, and VSP can not guarantee your satisfaction when services are received from a non-VSP provider.

## **PetCare (Pet Insurance) - Frequently Asked Questions**

#### Q. Who is eligible to enroll?

#### **A. State of Delaware Employee**: You are eligible if you are:

- a) A permanent full-time employee (regularly scheduled 30 or more hours per week or 130 or more hours per month)
- b) An elected or appointed official (as defined by St of DE).
- c) A permanent part-time employee (regularly scheduled to work less than 130 hours per month)

d) A limited term employee (as defined by St of DE)

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- County/Municipal Police Pension Plan
- County/Municipal General Employee Pension Plan
- Diamond State Port Pension Plan
- Delaware Volunteer Firemen Pension Plan

#### Q. How to enroll?

**A.** Enrollment open yearlong. Employees/pensioners can enroll online at <a href="https://www.covermewithcare.com">www.covermewithcare.com</a>. Employees on a 22 pay cycle, retiring within 12 months or taking a Leave of Absence within the next 12 months - use promotional code br987-277. Active employees and pensioners receiving a check from the State of Delaware should use promotional code br987-276. If you are already enrolled in this plan, your enrollment will continue unless you take action to terminate your enrollment. Questions - call (866) 275-7387.

**Please note:** Newly employed school teachers become eligible employees when they start employment, NOT when they sign their contract.

#### Q. When does my pet insurance take effect?

**A.** If you have enrolled under the payroll deduction program, your pet's accident coverage will begin at 12:01am on the first day of the month following enrollment. Employees enrolled in the direct payment program will have their pet's accident coverage begin at 12:01am following receipt of the completed application. In both cases, Illness coverage (if QuickCare Gold program) will begin 30 days after the effective date.

#### Q. What happens if my employment is terminated?

**A.** If your employment is terminated with the State of Delaware, call PetCare at 1-866-275-7387 to arrange alternative payment methods or to cancel your insurance coverage.

#### Q. What happens if I retire?

**A.** When you retire you will still be eligible for this benefit. Retirees must contact PetCare to provide alternative payment information. Retirees must convert to a direct payment plan.

#### Q. Is this a binding election?

**A.** Cancellation may be provided at any time with advanced written notice. The cancellation notice must be sent to PetCare Insurance. The effective date of the cancellation will be the last day of the month for which premium was paid.

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## Q. Who should I call with questions, problems?

A. Please contact PetCare's Call Center at 1-866-275 PETS (7387).

Call Center Hours (Eastern Time) 8:00am to 11:00pm (Mon-Fri)

10:00am to 6:00pm (Sat)

Administration Hours (Eastern Time)

9:00am to 8:00pm (Mon-Fri)

#### Q. After signing up my pet, can I still see my regular veterinarian?

A. Yes. You can use the licensed veterinarian of your choice.

#### O. How much are the deductibles?

**A.** You pay a \$50 deductible (unless otherwise noted) per event regardless of the number of trips—you need to make to the veterinarian. This deductible remains constant for as long as your pet—insurance policy is in force.

#### Q. How much do I have to pay for any claim I submit?

**A.** Our polices, other than QuickCare Gold with the ShareCare Option, pay 100% of all payable claims, less the fixed deductible up to your coverage limit. Exclusively for QuickCare Gold policy holders, from the pet's 8th birthday (6th for select breed dogs) the policy holder will be responsible for the first 20% of any claims.

#### Q. What are my payment options?

## A. Employees have the following payment options.

- ➤ Automatic payroll deduction
- For monthly premiums, Visa, MasterCard, Discover Card or Automatic Deductions from a Checking Account are accepted.
- For annual premiums, Visa, MasterCard, and Discover Card, as well as a check or money order is accepted. For all Discover Card payments, please contact PetCare's call center. as they cannot process Discover Card over the web.

## Q. What if I want to enroll more than one pet?

**A.** Each pet receives its own policy. You can use our online enrollment system to enroll all your pets in one convenient process without having to fill out multiple application forms. If you enroll three or more pets you are eligible for a 10% discount per policy. Maximum discount 10% per pet per policy.

#### O. How do I make a claim?

**A.** Mail or fax in a completed one page claim form completed by yourself & your attending veterinarian along with the detailed receipts. **Fill out a claim form.** 

## Q. What is the \$10 annual fee?

**A.** Those that pay their premiums on a monthly basis through a direct payment option will be charged a \$10 fee. Should you elect to pay annually or through automatic payroll deduction there is no fee.

#### Q. In what states are programs available?

A. PetCare's Pet Insurance Programs are available in these 45 states and Washington D.C.:
Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District Of
Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland,
Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New
Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma,
Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas,
Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Other
state approvals are pending.

## Q. Who underwrites the programs?

**A.** Lincoln General Insurance Company, which received the AM Best rating of A-, underwrites the program. Lincoln General, York, PA offers programs through Avalon Risk Management, Inc.

## Q. How long will it take for my claim to be paid?

**A.** PetCare's mandate is to process your claim within five business days after receiving your completed claims form with original receipts attached.

### Q. What is the discount and special policy for 24PetWatch microchipped pets?

**A.** By registering your pet's microchip information with <u>24PetWatch</u> identification system, you will receive a 5% discount on any PetCare Pet Insurance Program. (Limit 1 microchipping discount per pet per policy with a maximum discount of 10% per pet per policy).